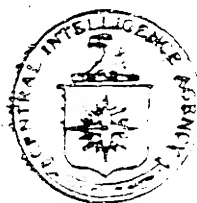


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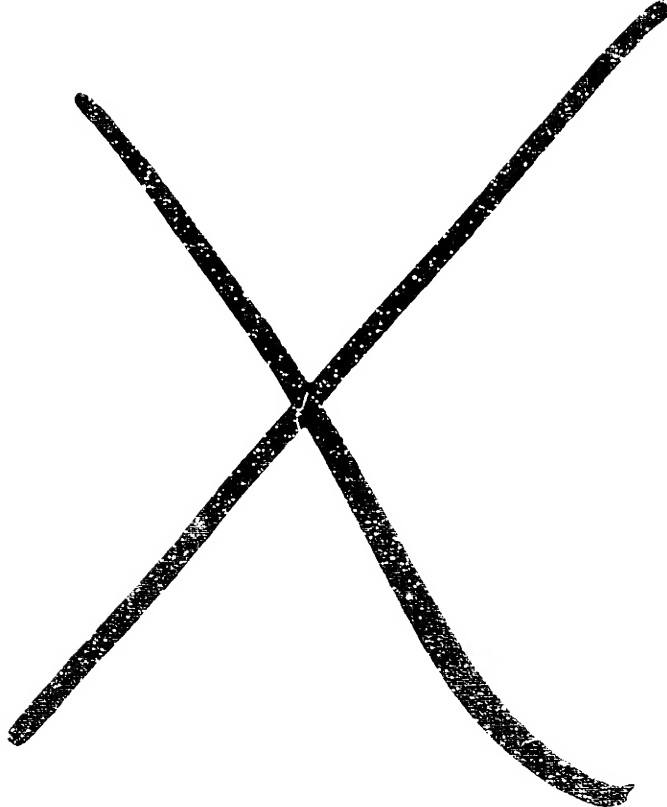
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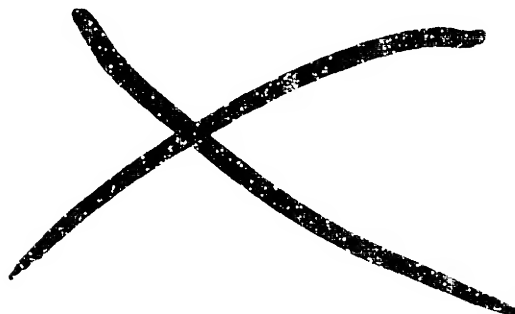
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THE SITUATION IN CUBA



Castro's 15 November letter to U Thant, warning that US planes violating Cuban airspace risk being downed, now has been made public by the Cubans. It is couched in strong terms but makes a bid for support from small countries and nonaligned nations. Castro used the recent arrest of alleged CIA agents in Cuba to charge that "photographs taken by the spying planes serve for guidance for sabotage." He declared that no sovereign state can allow its airspace to be violated in this manner and that Cuba is "defending the right of small nations to be considered of a footing of equality."

BLOC POSITIONS AND STATEMENTS



The Peiping press charges today that Vice President Johnson's Chicago speech of 14 November "gave away the hoax" of Kennedy's "assurances" against an invasion of Cuba. Peiping also says that State Department press officer Lincoln White indicated on the same day as Johnson's speech that the US will interfere with Cuba's construction of fishing ports.